



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THE HOLY MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS GURIAS, SAMONAS, AND HABIB

Saturday Nov. 14 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for Fr. Andre Mahanna by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday Nov. 15 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (streamed)
Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 & Luke 10:25-37 (25th Sunday)

Tues. Nov. 17 7:30PM **Our Holy Father Gregory Wonder-Worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea**
Men's Group Meeting in person and via Zoom

Wed. Nov. 18 7:30PM **The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman**
Emmanuel Moleben for the Phillips Fast

THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE (Solemn Holyday)

Fri. Nov. 20 7:30PM Great Vespers with Litija (simple abstinence from meat)
Sat. Nov. 21 10AM Divine Liturgy for Fr. Milan Kasperek by David & Sarah Malakauskas

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ; POST-FESTIVE DAY OF THE ENTRANCE;

APOSTLE PHILEMON AND HIS COMPANIONS—TONE 8

Saturday Nov. 21 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for Josephine Malakauskas by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday Nov. 22 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (streamed)
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 & Luke 12:16-21 (26th Sunday)

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment or before and after weekday services

Welcome to our parish! We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today and we pray that it has been a spiritually nourishing experience. If you would like to register as a parishioner or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church are available for all Baptized Catholics in Good Standing. This means that a

Catholic attends Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, utilizes the Mystery of Repentance at least once a year, receives the Eucharist at least once a year, observes the church's penitential seasons and fasting regulations to include abstaining from meat or an equivalent penance on all Fridays except when mitigated, supports the Church in Her temporal needs through offering of time, talent, and treasure, and believes the Church's teachings on faith and morals.

During the month of November, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle as a Spiritual Bouquet for The Princess Beatrice De Bourbon by Michael Limongello

Stewardship 11/01/2020

Offertory \$1,687.00
Online Giving \$1,187.65
Capital Imp. \$220
Thanksgiving \$5
Military Collection \$5

Stewardship 11/08/2020

Offertory \$4,696.00
Online Giving \$157.78
Capital Imp. \$1,095
Thanksgiving \$500
Military Collection \$10

Phillips Fast

Nov. Off. Total: \$7,728.43
Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,315
Thanksgiving \$505
Military Collection \$15
Phillips Fast \$95

Nov Operating Budget \$9,225

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Ed Sabula, Alexandria Odish, Riordan Catton, Joseph & Joanne Baranko, Clara Vranich, Daniel Cunningham, Patricia Rabayda, Catherine Garcia, Betty Yurchik, Frank Korkowski, Patricia Anne Reidy, and Jeff Lovall. *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.*

Also, our deployed military members: Lt. Commander William Bridges, and Sergeant Francis "Joseph" Fuchko. *May God's Divine Care and Mercy be given to them and may their Guardian Angels protect them from harm. —Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from these lists.*

POSSIBLE INFORMAL MONTHLY CAMPFIRE IN WINTER:

It has been suggested that we can have a campfire the first Sunday of every month during winter, and those who wish to participate may, and may bring some food for themselves or to share. This is an excellent idea! But the first Sunday in December will be our Saint Nicholas event, so we should resume the campfire Sunday event in January.

2020 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: Yes, it is that time again where we are asked to support the work of the Eparchy of Passaic. The Eparchy is responsible for many functions of our church and relies on Cathedraicum (8% tax of weekly collections from each parish), and this direct annual Appeal. Our parish goal is the same as last year at \$10,800. However, if we reach or exceed our goal, the parish will receive a rebate of 40% of that total after the campaign has concluded. Last year, we exceeded our goal and received back \$4,960! It is suggested that if each family contributes \$200, then we will meet our goal. Also, similar to last year, a parishioner would like to challenge us all by donating \$50 for a minimum donation of \$75! This will undoubtedly aid us in our goal!

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY EVENT: Saint Nicholas day is Sunday, December 6. This year, we will have the Divine Liturgy in our church, and then, **we will** go to Regina Caeli Gym to have our annual event and meal. There may be a visit from Saint Nicholas and gifts for the children. More information in the coming weeks.

ISSUES WITH LIVESTREAMING: We are aware of complications with the quality of our livestreamed services. Last week the audio cut out for about 15 minutes or so, and then for Tuesday's Paraklesis, there was no audio at all for the entire duration of the service. We have contracted a professional to assist us in troubleshooting these issues, and these issues should be corrected within two weeks or so. Thank you for your patience.

SOLEMN FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE:

Saturday, November 21st is the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. This feast celebrates when the Most Holy Theotokos was presented to the Temple as a Virgin for service in the Temple and to God. Please see insert for more information. We will have Great Vespers on Friday night, and Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning.

THE PHILLIPS FAST:

Before each major feast we usually have a period of fasting in which we prepare ourselves both physically and spiritually so that we may fully celebrate the feast. The Phillips Fast is our time of preparation before the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. There is no requirement to participate, but we are all encouraged to take up more fasting, more prayer, and more charity.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 15 Technical Beginning of the Phillips Fast in preparation for the Nativity (actual Nov. 17)
- Nov. 17 Men's Group Meeting in Narthex & Zoom
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving (civic holiday—mitigation of the fast)
- Dec. 6 Saint Nicholas Day Event



PERK ARTISAN COFFEE FUNDRAISER: We have enrolled in a fundraising program for those who enjoy excellent freshly roasted coffee. For each bag sold, the parish will receive a \$4 donation! The coffee is shipped to your home and

may be whole bean or ground. Please visit our website for the link to Perk Artisan Coffee.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY AND NEED FOR NEW PHOTO SUBMISSIONS: Yes, this directory is a year late. We have been tossed about by different internal account representatives, but ultimately it is Fr. Lewis' fault. Anyway, for those who have not had their picture taken by this company, you may submit a family photo for inclusion in the directory. Please submit this within One week, and we will make sure you are included in the directory.

FOR SALE!



Nut & Poppseed Rolls \$15 a roll

Fasting Regulations for the Phillips Fast

EPARCHIAL REGULATIONS: All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat or perform an equivalent penance on Fridays of the Phillips Fast. This is the normal practice throughout the year.

FROM THE TYPICON (A GUIDEBOOK FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY AND DIVINE OFFICE): "During this fast it was the custom to observe a strict abstinence on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and a lesser abstinence (mitigation for wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. The fast is observed more strictly from December 10 (in some traditions) or from December 20 (in other traditions), with

daily strict abstinence, and a mitigated abstinence (wine and oil) on Saturday and Sunday. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. This fast may be observed voluntarily, partially, or in its entirety."

POSSIBLE FASTING REGIMINES: Here are a variety of fasting possibilities for those who find the spiritual benefit of challenging themselves to a deeper participation in the Phillips Fast. One can start simple and increase the difficulty as the Fast progresses. **Either way, all are encouraged to do more than the minimum, except the elderly, pregnant, small children, and those with special medical issues.**

Fasting Required by our Eparchy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Fasting	No Fasting	No Fasting	No Fasting	No Fasting	Abstain from meat	No Fasting

Option 1 Fasting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Fasting	No Fasting	No Fasting	Abstain from meat	No Fasting	Abstain from meat	No Fasting

Option 2 Fasting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Fasting	Abstain from meat	No Fasting	Abstain from meat	No Fasting	Abstain from meat	No Fasting

Option 3 Fasting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Fasting	Abstain from meat	Abstain from meat	Abstain from meat	Abstain from meat	Strict Abstinence	No Fasting

Special Notes

The tradition also suggests that fish with a backbone is considered flesh and meat, however, any type of shellfish is permitted all days of the fast. It is also the tradition that both wine and oil are abstained from as well; this may have been because of their storage in animal skins, but either way, alcohol is good to abstain from during fasting periods.